

There is another explanation, however, which should be taken with raised eyebrows, I think. Ten years ago the previous Manager of the estate, a man of generous proportions, was reported to have bumped into a tiger whilst riding his cycle. Elephants are said to never forget, but tigers, well . . . ?

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4. WILD ANIMALS IN THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS

The only wild animals in the Andamans at present are Chital and Pig. Chital were introduced in the Andamans some 25 to 30 years ago with the object of creating a source of meat for those who have to live and work in the forest. They are now, however, classed as pests, as they have increased and multiplied beyond all measure and are destroying the seedlings of valuable commercial trees in our regeneration areas. To counteract them, two female panthers were introduced in the Andamans during the year 1952-53, but their activities cannot so far be judged.

PORT BLAIR,
ANDAMANS.
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5. GREAT INDIAN ONE-HORNED RHINOCEROS (*R. UNICORNIS* LINN.) COW WITH (PRESUMPTIVE) TWIN CALVES

On July 24th 1955 at about 2.30 p.m. I set out from Kaziranga village on the elephant 'Deokali,' accompanied by Choudhuri, the Forest Guard. It was my intention to visit the nearest part of Kaziranga Sanctuary, which is about one mile away at this point. As we approached the Mora Difloo stream, which forms the southern boundary of the Sanctuary, we observed at a distance two or three rhino grazing in the Sanctuary beyond, in a grassy clearing locally known as a 'doloni'.

We eventually arrived at the bank of the stream, and at a distance of only about sixty yards gazed at the rhino. There were three of them: a mother with her calf close to her, and about twelve or fifteen yards away to the left another calf—presumably without its mother. We looked around for the mother of the lone calf, but there was no other rhino in that place.

As we discussed the problem of how this lone calf came to be there, the young creature itself solved it for us. It heard us talking, looked up and then immediately ran to join the mother and the other calf. Then it dawned on me that this must be the first case of an Indian rhino ever being seen with twin calves.